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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached replacement sheets of drawings, including Figures 5-7, 9-12, and 13 replace the previously submitted sheets of drawings including Figures 5-7, 9-12, and 13. More specifically, Applicant has amended Figures 5-7, 9, 10, 12, and 13. Each replacement sheet has been clearly labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header.

Attachment: 7 Replacement Sheets of drawings including Figures 5-7, 9-12, and 13

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 have been allowed.

Specification

The specification has been amended to clarify terminology set forth in the application as filed. Applicants attest that no new matter has been added thereto.

Drawings

Applicants have attached 7 replacement sheets of drawings, including Figures 5-7, 9-12, and 13, hereto directly following these Remarks. Each replacement sheet has been labeled as "Replacement Sheet" in the page header as per 37 C.F.R. §1.121(d). Applicants attest that no new matter has been added thereto.

The following changes have been made in amended Figure 5:

a. The torsion spring 11, fourth link member 116, and the extension spring 128 have been deleted, as suggested by the Examiner.

b. The tension spring 106 extends between a point along the linear portion 96 of the second link member 84 and an end of the third link member 88, as suggested by the Examiner

c. The lead line for reference number "90" now identifies the second end 90 of the second link member 84, as suggested by the Examiner.

d. The second end 90 of the second link member 84 has been redrawn as extending straight and the spring 106 is drawn as extending straight between a point along the linear portion 96 of the second link member 84 and the third link member 88, as suggested by the Examiner.

The following changes have been made in amended Figure 6:

a. The second end 90 of the second link member 84 has been redrawn as extending straight and the spring 106 is redrawn as extending straight between a point along the linear

portion 96 of the second link member 84 and the third link member 88, as suggested by the Examiner.

The following changes have been made in amended Figure 7:

a. The lead line for reference number "62" now identifies the lost motion slot 62 of the third link member 88.

b. The second end 90 of the second link member 84 has been redrawn as extending straight and the spring 106 is redrawn as extending straight between a point along the linear portion 96 of the second link member 84 and the third link member 88, as suggested by the Examiner.

The following changes have been made in amended Figure 9:

a. Reference number "114" has been added to identify the front leg pivot 114, as suggested by the Examiner.

b. The lead line for reference number "120" now identifies the first through-bore 120 of the fourth link member 116, as suggested by the Examiner.

The following changes have been made in amended Figure 10:

a. Reference number "98" has been added to identify one of the pins 98 attached to the second link member 84, in order to correspond with the specification.

b. Reference number "114" has been added to identify the front leg pivot 114, as suggested by the Examiner.

The following changes have been made in amended Figure 12:

a. One instance of the reference number "36" has been deleted, as suggested by the Examiner.

b. Reference number "114" has been added to identify the front leg pivot 114, as suggested by the Examiner.

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c. The lead line for reference number "120" now identifies the first through-bore 120 of the fourth link member 116, as suggested by the Examiner.

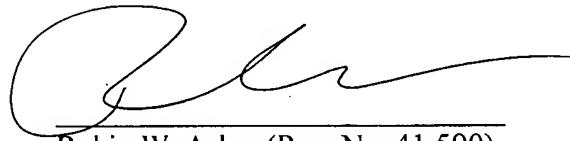
The following changes have been made in amended Figure 13:

a. Reference number "114" has been added to identify the front leg pivot 114, as suggested by the Examiner.

b. The lead line for reference number "120" now identifies the first through-bore 120 of the fourth link member 116, as suggested by the Examiner.

It is respectfully submitted that this patent application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this amendment or the patent application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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